

**Amended Claim 1**  
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**1. (Previously Presented)** A coupling structure, comprising:

- a shaft body including a slip-off preventing groove;
- a shaft joint including:
  - an engagement groove with which the shaft body is engaged;
  - a shaft joint body with two bores facing the engagement groove; and
  - a locking body press-fitted into one of the bores; and
- a coupling shaft for coupling the shaft body and the shaft joint by being inserted into the bores and slip-off preventing groove and locked with the locking body,
- the shaft joint further including:
  - a regulating tongue for regulating movement of the shaft body;
  - a plate body press fitted between the locking body and the shaft joint by the locking body and having a flexible member for guiding a positioning recess of the shaft body into the shaft joint, a curved portion, and a supported portion; and
  - the supported portion extending from the curved portion of the plate body, superposed between a surface of the locking body and a surface of the shaft joint body, and having a projection incised into at least one of the shaft joint and locking body, wherein at least one of the shaft joint body and the locking body has a recessed portion into which the projection is fitted.

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Dear Examiner Garcia,

Please find attached a clean copy of revised claim I for Serial No. 10/765,594. Mr. DeJuidice concurs with this revision. We understand that in your Reasons for Allowance, you will note that an Examiner's Amendment has been made for the purposes of overcoming a problem with double-inclusion of claim terms.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

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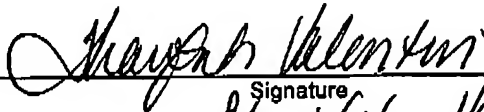
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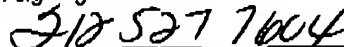
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